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INTERCOUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ADIRONDACKS

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Mr. Dan Stec made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jean Raymond. Approved unanimously.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1 0F 2012.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IOWA PACIFIC APPLICATION TO SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR RE-ACTIVATON OF TAHAWUS-NORTH CREEK RAIL LINE

WHEREAS, Iowa Pacific has applied to the Surface Transportation Board (STP) for a permit to re-activate the Tahawus-North Creek Rail Line, and

WHEREAS, NL Industries considered the option of the rail and tie removal in the early 1990's to salvage the scrap value and provide property tax relief, and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva promoted a transfer of conditional ownership to the Essex County Industrial Development Agency to provide for property tax relief, and

WHEREAS, the primary reasoning for the actions of the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva was the recognition of the many assets located at the Tahawus site and the possible need for rail traffic to fully realize the potential job creation by the use of those assets, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva, the County of Essex and the surrounding Adirondack communities to utilize the assets located at Tahawus, and

WHEREAS, the North Country Regional Council Plan, which was recently completed, identified rail importance as a major component of the region's economic health and called for the retention of all existing rail lines,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks fully supports Iowa Pacific's application to the Surface Transportation Board and further authorizes its commitment of resources for a successful application to re-activate the Tahawus-North Creek Rail Line.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS:

I, <u>Laura A. Abrams</u>, Secretary of the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks hereby certifies that I have compared the foregoing minutes with the original minutes at a duly called and held meeting of said InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks on the <u>19th</u> day of <u>January</u>, <u>2012</u> and the same is true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand this 10th day of February, 2012.

Secretary of the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks

BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

FD 35559

SARATOGA AND NORTH CREEK RAILWAY, LLC —OPERATION EXEMPTION— TAHAWUS LINE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the "Support resolution of the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks" on behalf of Saratoga And North Creek Railway, LLC, dated January 19, 2012, in the above-captioned proceeding by first class United States Mail and/or electronic transmission to all parties on the Board's service list on February 10, 2012:

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